

THE CAMBERWELL BEAUTY (*NYMPHALIS ANTIOPA* L.) IN WALES IN 1976. — Mr. R. F. Whitworth, Wix Lodge, Wix, Essex was on holiday at a farm, Glandwr, Nevern, Pembrokeshire, on 31st August when he saw an *antiopa* flying round the garden in bright mid-morning sunshine. It settled on the shirt of a man to whom he was speaking. Mr. Whitworth ran to get his camera and when he returned he was able to photograph the *antiopa* when it settled on a patch of bare ground. This record was only a week after Mr. Whitworth's son, Mr. Alan Whitworth, had seen an *antiopa* flying near the family farm in Essex. — J. FIRMIN, 1 Scott Drive, Lexden, Colchester, Essex.

HYLES LIVORNICA ESP. (STRIPED HAWK) IN EAST SUSSEX. — On 2nd September, 1976, I captured a male of this very attractive migrant moth in my Robinson m.v. trap. The night was mild, but though moonlit, over 350 moths of 36 species were captured. — A. E. C. ADAMS, Dabchick Cottage, Dallington, Heathfield, Sussex.

NYMPHALIS ANTIOPA (L.) IN KENT IN 1976. — A specimen of the Camberwell Beauty was reported to me by a Mr. J. Snellgrove as being seen in his garden at Maidstone on 10th August. It had been flying over his vegetable patch and allowed capture by hand before being examined and then released.

On the 23rd August, Mrs. J. Oldaker reported seeing a Camberwell Beauty in her garden at Cranbrook where she watched it for several minutes as it settled on a parched lawn and then on several bushes before moving off with a strong direct flight.

It was then with great pleasure that, in company with Miss J. Nall and Mr. P. Stuttard on the Cliffe Marshes on 1st September, I was able to watch one of these fine butterflies feeding upon Sea Aster (*Aster tripolium* L.). Although its flight was strong and fast it allowed very close approach and was under observation for some 10 to 15 minutes.

Finally, another specimen was seen at Cranbrook, about a mile away from the first Cranbrook sighting, where on the 8th September Mr. T. Steward observed one settled upon a rotten apple in his garden. — E. G. PHILP, Department of Natural History, The Museum, St. Faith's Street, Maidstone, Kent.

NYMPHALIS ANTIOPA (L.), HYLES GALLII (ROTT.) AND OTHER IMMIGRANTS IN ESSEX IN 1976. — I have received two reliable reports of *N. antiopa*, viz.: — Ingrave, near Brentwood, 23rd August (per E. F. Williams), and at Southend-on-Sea, same period (per Miss M. F. Drake). On 25th August, in my trap here, I had my first ever *Agrius convolvuli*. *Hyles gallii* (Rott.) occurred at Brentwood about 5th September (per P. J. Wanstall); and at Westcliff-on-Sea in mid-August (G. Bailey per R. Tomlinson). *Macroglossum stellatarum* (L.) has been everywhere—records (including inland ones) too numerous to list—and the best year for it for many years. — G. A. PYMAN, Treyarnon, The Ridge, Little Baddow, Chelmsford, Essex.